

REMARKS

Claims 10-14 and 29-38 are pending. Claims 34-38 are cancelled without prejudice, and claims 39-42 have been added. Claims 10-14, 29-33, and 39-42 will therefore be pending upon entry of the proposed amendments.

Applicants acknowledge that the Examiner has allowed claims 10-14 and 29-33.

New claims 39 and 41 depend from allowed claims 10 and 29, respectively, and are directed to methods in which "the injectable composition of the pantothenic acid or a derivative thereof in the solvent is injected into the joint."

New claims 40 and 42 depend from allowed claims 14 and 33, respectively and are directed to methods in which "the aqueous solution is injected directly into the site of the joint."

Support for new claims 39-42 can be found throughout the Specification, e.g., at page 1, lines 26-28 and page 2, line 20.

No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 34-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barton-Wright et al., Chemical Abstracts 60:77820.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the grounds for the rejection, however, to expedite prosecution, Applicants have cancelled claims 34-38 thus rendering the rejection of these claims moot.

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